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HB 190



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Honorable Representative Kendall Van Dyk House Fish and Game Committee Chairman

Mr. Chairman:

Magic City Fly Fishers, Chapter 582 of Trout Unlimited, and one of the largest fly fishing clubs in the state, has been closely following the bridge access issue since it became an issue several sessions ago. We believe your bill, HB 190, will succeed because it addresses a few key points that were missing in previous attempts. HB 190 was drafted with the support of a wide variety of interests, which included not only sportsmen, but agricultural, ranching and farming interests. With the support of this broad coalition, the bill strikes a fair balance between public and private property rights and clearly spells out those rights and protections.

Further, it does not place financial burden or liability upon landowners, and allows those who require the attachment of fences to bridges to do so legally, while not otherwise blocking legal access to rivers and streams.

The bill in no way diminishes private property rights, nor provides for the taking of property, nor encourages or promotes trespassing.

The membership and board of Magic City Fly Fishers strongly supports this bill, and we applaud your efforts to bring resolution to this contentious issue.

Sincerely,

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